



**East Norriton PCE Site
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**



– Public Water Supply Extension Project –

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION 3

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Announcements

- ★ If you have recently been hooked up to public water and received a monthly water bill that includes a \$30 installation fee, **DO NOT** send money for that fee. The U.S. EPA is taking financial responsibility for installation fees for this project. If you received a monthly bill that includes this fee, please notify the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Myles Bartos or Pennsylvania American Water (PAW).
- ★ Curb-to-house hookups have been installed. After which, EPA went back to each property that had work done to restore the yard as close to its original condition as possible. This may have included re-seeding and/or replacing pre-existing vegetation. If replacement soil settles lower than the surrounding soil, or if the first attempt at re-seeding is not successful, **EPA will return in the spring** to provide additional soil replacement or re-seed again. (EPA will have to wait until winter weather conditions pass before attempting to re-seed.)
- ★ **EPA is removing the office trailer** on the corner of Bristol St. and Rahway Ave. If you have additional questions, feel free to call any of the contacts listed.

Next Steps

- EPA is conducting soil vapor tests to confirm that there is no potential soil vapor contamination in the area.
- EPA will monitor about 11 wells in the area. These long-term monitoring wells will be tested about every three months for approximately two years to:
 - ✓ test groundwater quality, and
 - ✓ help in the investigation into potential sources of the contamination.

A Brief History

In the fall of 2004, PCE was detected in drinking water wells at elevated levels. As part of an immediate response to address the contamination, EPA distributed bottled water, free of charge, to residents with potentially affected wells in the Rahway Avenue area of East Norriton Township. A public water line extension and hookups has been installed, and an investigation into the source of the

For More Information, Contact...

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Summary of Work

EPA has been working on this project as a team with with East Norriton Township, Norristown, MCHD, PADEP, and ATSDR. Work so far includes:

- Completing 55 curb-to-house hookups
- Closing 44 private wells so residents do not mistakenly drink or use contaminated well water
- Providing about 55,000 gallons (as of Nov. 15, 2005) of bottled water to potentially affected residents until connections to public water were completed
- Conducting groundwater and soil vapor sampling
- Establishing an office trailer near site work areas so residents could visit with EPA representatives if they had concerns or questions about the project
- Continuing to keep the community updated by distributing fact sheets (like this one) to residents and to other interested parties